

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 (Currently Amended): A dentifrice composition comprising ~~the following~~ components (A), (B) and (C):

(A) from 0.2 to 3 weight% of powder cellulose;

(B) a surfactant; and

(C) from 10 to 30 weight% of an abrasive.

2 (Currently Amended): A dentifrice composition comprising ~~the following~~ components (A), (B) and (D):

(A) powder cellulose,

(B) a surfactant, and

(C) ~~(D)~~ granules having a particle size permitting passage of a 30-mesh sieve but not permitting passage of a 200-mesh sieve.

3 (Original): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the content of the powder cellulose is from 0.4 to 2 weight%.

4 (Currently Amended): The dentifrice composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1 or 2, wherein the powder cellulose has an average polymerization degree of from 350 ~~440~~ to 2250.

5 (Currently Amended): The dentifrice composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1 or 2, wherein the powder cellulose is a non-granulated powder cellulose having a particle size of from 10 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

6 (Original): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1, wherein the abrasive has an RDA of from 20 to 200.

7 (Currently Amended): The dentifrice composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1 or 2, further comprising a binder.

8 (Original): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 7, wherein the binder comprises at least two binders selected from the group consisting of sodium alginate, sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, carrageenan, xanthan gum, sodium polyacrylate, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, pectin, tragacanth gum, arabic gum, guar gum, karaya gum, locust bean gum, gellan gum, tamarind gum, Psyllium seed gum, polyvinyl alcohol, sodium chondroitin sulfate, and methoxyethylene maleic anhydride copolymer.